

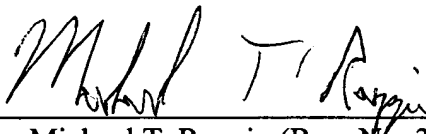
the previously filed amendment response is now proper to be examined by the Examiner at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicant also includes a newly executed Power of Attorney included with this response.

If Applicant may be of any further assistance or provide any other information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (248) 364-2100.

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